<u>Abstract</u>

This invention provides a compound of the following formula:

$$(X^{2})_{n} = CR^{2} = CR^{2} = CR^{2}$$

Ar

 $(X^{1})_{m} = CR^{2}$
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or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein

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Ar is heteroaryl; X^1 and X^2 are independently selected from halo, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, hydroxy, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, amino, C_1 - C_4 alkanoyl, carboxy, carbamoyl, cyano, nitro, mercapto, $(C_1$ - C_4 alkyl)thio, $(C_1$ - C_4 alkyl)sulfinyl, $(C_1$ - C_4 alkyl)sulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, or the like; R^1 is selected from hydrogen, straight or branched C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_4 - C_8 cycloalkenyl, phenyl , heteroaryl and the like; R^2 and R^3 are independently selected from hydrogen, halo, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, phenyl and the like;

or R^1 and R^2 can form, together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, a C_5 - C_7 cycloalkyl ring; and m and n are independently 0, 1, 2 or 3.

These compounds and pharmaceutical compositions containing such compounds are useful as analgesics and anti-inflammatory agents.